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Dear Sir:

Amendment

In the specification, before the first line of the specification, please add - ${ackslash}$ This invention was made with United States government support awarded by NIH NCRR Grant No. RR00167. The United States government has certain rights in this invention.

Drawings Transmittal and Petition

This Petition is in response to the March 17, 1998 Notice of Allowance issued in the above-identified case. Applicants enclose a corrected version of Figs. 1 -- 6. Figs. 1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E, 3F, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E, 5F, 6A and 6B are photographs.

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The Examiner requires that a Petition be filed under CFR § 1.84(B)(1) to request the inclusion of black and white photographs in an utility patent.

Applicants therefore request that the enclosed three copies of Figs. 1, 2A, 2B, 2C, 2D, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E, 3F, 4A, 4B, 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E, 5F, 6A and 6B be accepted as formal drawings in the above-identified patent application.

Please charge this petition fee under § 1.17(h), believed to be \$130.00, to Deposit Account 17-0055. If any other fees are necessary, please charge Deposit Account 17-0055.

Respectfully submitted,

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